Training for CLE Projects with Y4Y Coffee Break Webinar December 12, 2013







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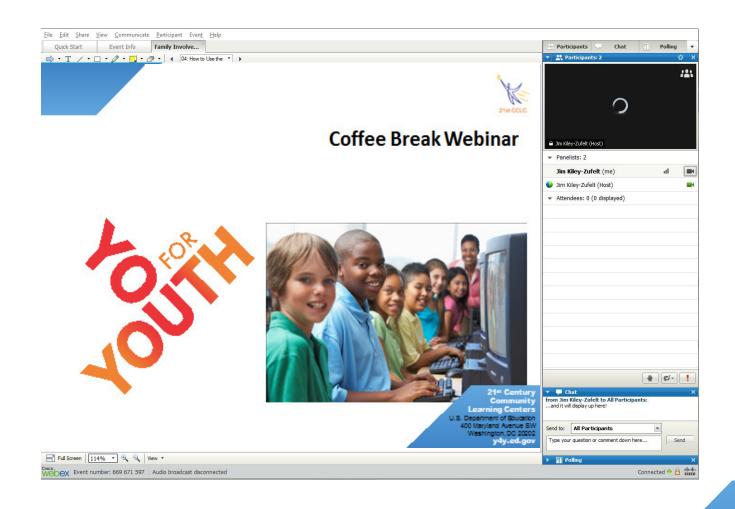
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How to Use the Technology



Introductions

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Coffee Break Webinar

- Interact with the Y4Y team members and afterschool colleagues from across the country.
- Ask questions about Y4Y and how the portal can help you.

Driving Question

How can I train my team to effectively facilitate civic learning and engagement projects?



Who's in the Room?

What grades does your program serve?

- a) K-2
- b) 3-5
- c) 6-8
- d) 9-12



Today's Webinar

- 1. Civic Learning and Engagement Overview
- 1. About Y4Y's Training Starters
- 2. Samples of Training Starters
- 3. Collaboration to customize a Training Starter

Civic Learning and Engagement

What are some examples of civic learning and engagement?



Civic Learning and Engagement

Y4Y > Learn > Project-Based Learning > Introduction > Civic Learning and Engagement



Civic Learning and Engagement

Civic learning and engagement is a powerful tool for helping young people understand that they can make a difference in the world around them – while gaining important academic and 21st century skills. Civic learning and engagement starts with students identifying a public issue of personal concern, which leads to seeing themselves in a more meaningful role in their community, their nation, and the world. The process involves collaborative brainstorming, problem solving, and action and encourages students to explore in-depth an issue they have chosen. Like project-based learning, civic learning and engagement projects include pursuing answers to a driving question and conclude the experience with a demonstration of learning and reflection.

By providing youth opportunities to actively participate in civic life and pursue social change, civic learning and engagement projects can strengthen the American democracy, helping young people to develop an appreciation of their potential impact on society and the political process.

Civic Learning and Engagement Projects

- Provide youth opportunities to participate in civic life and pursue social change
- Make a difference in the world around them
- Address a public issue of personal concern
- Opportunity to build 21st Century Skills

Your Program

What are some of the challenges your program has faced regarding civic learning and engagement projects?

Y4Y Training Starters

- Useful tool to help you plan trainings
- Provides a template and step-by-step outline
- Provides some content and activities with room to customize

Where To Find Training Starters



Training Starters

Г		You For Youth / Project Based Learning
Tra raiı	•	Summarize, consolidate minutes (Connect again to the objectives, check for understanding, discuss questions.)
Expl	{	Post-training assessment and revision
•	•	Closing comments minutes (Acknowledge, motivate, and inspire.)
		Training Middle (Explain the topic in detail, demonstrate the concept and discuss it, and practice and apply the topic.) • Discuss participants' previous experience working with youth in groups; elicit specific examples of successes and challenges. • Chart benefits of youth working in groups, both for projects and for developing 21st century skills. • Draw on examples of success: Create a list of potential group norms; identify different roles for individuals in a group. • Discuss role and techniques of adult as a facilitator.

Training Starters

You For Youth / Strengthening Partnerships

Training Middle

minutes

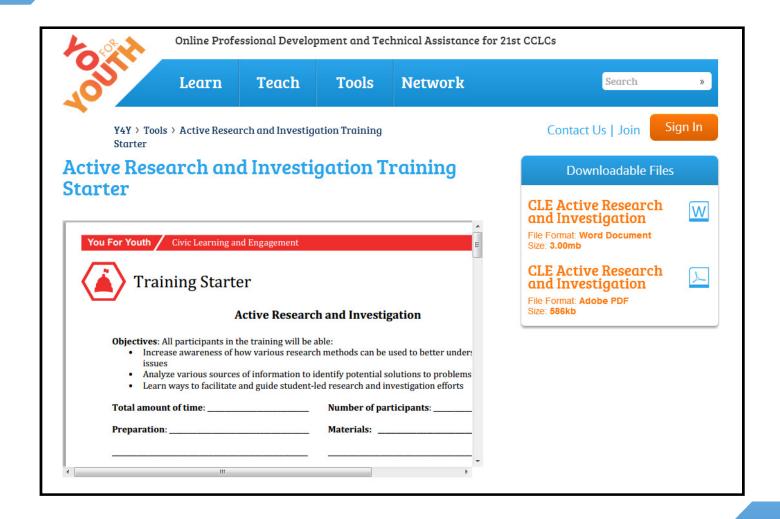
(Explain the topic in detail, demonstrate the concept and discuss it, and practice and apply the topic)

- Explain that partners can help fill in gaps or address needs in current programming, but to have a plan for where they'll fill in, you first need to understand where there's room for improvement.
- In small groups, have participants discuss and write down what they believe are the areas
 of the programming that need the most improvement (if anonymity is a concern, find ways
 to gather information that allows staff to be as honest and forthright as possible). Gather
 the lists and compile answers when participants are completing the next activity.
- Explain that because staff are the eyes and ears of the program, it's important they reflect
 on what's working and what isn't and actively think about how to improve the program.
- Explain that youth and other stakeholders can also provide a wealth of information about
 the program and where improvements could be made. Have participants break up into two
 groups, one group will create a 4-6 question survey to use with youth and the other will
 create one to use with other stakeholders.
- After creating the short survey tools, have participants swap surveys and fill them in based on how they think the intended audience (youth or stakeholders respectively) would respond. Have groups share out.
- Using the compiled and aggregated staff feedback lists and the sample youth and stakeholder surveys, share out common areas identified for growth and begin brainstorming how partners could begin help filling in these gaps.

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Time to Collaborate



Driving Question

How can I train my team to effectively facilitate civic learning and engagement projects?

- Use Training Starters from Y4Y
- Incorporate ideas from civic learning and engagement content on Y4Y
- Customize the training to fit the needs of your program's staff and youth

Q & A

- Customizing Y4Y Training Starters
- Other Y4Y staff development resources
 - Trainings To Go
 - Tools
- Y4Y Network

Next Steps

- 1) Visit the Y4Y portal (<u>www.y4y.ed.gov</u>) to:
 - Register
 - Check out the new Training Starter Template we created together in the Promising Practices Gallery
 - Post your own staff development tools to the Discussion Boards
- 2) Tell your colleagues about Y4Y
- 3) Join us for our January webinar

Thank You!

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